

Trash & Recycling Collection Efficiency **STUDY FINDINGS**

What does our current system look like?

- · Open market system for residential trash collection
- 12 + companies all serving the same 80 square-mile area
- · Many companies serving the same street
- · Variety of pickup times, rates, and services offered
- · Extra trucks create excessive wear on pavement
- · Very inefficient way to collect trash

What do Springfield citizens want?

- Cost of trash collection service is residents' #1 concern
- Citizens want better services such as bulky item pickup and expanded recycling
- · Enormous support for more recycling in our community
- · Citizens want to protect the business interests of existing haulers

This study found....

Improving efficiency could lower monthly bills

- Average rate for residential trash collection in benchmark cities = \$12.76/month
- · Most Springfield citizens pay more than this

Making Recycling More Convenient should increase recycling efforts

• 73% of our citizens consider recycling important.....But only 55% actually recycle

It May be Possible to receive additional services such as yard waste collection and bulky item pickup

• Many communities offer additional services at less cost than Springfield residents are currently paying

MOVING FORWARD....

Springfield City Council has elected to REMOVE the following options from consideration:

- **X 1-HAULER SYSTEM** Selecting one hauler for all city trash collection would negatively impact many small businesses.
- **X MUNICIPALIZATION** City-operated trash collection is not a viable option.

City Council will have an opportunity to study the issue and discuss options in the coming months.



How does Springfield compare to other cities?

Out of Springfield's
15 chosen benchmark cities,
14 have some form of
organized trash collection.

Over 90% of residential trash collection nation-wide is managed through some form of organized system.